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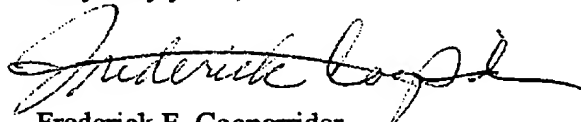
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Petition to Withdraw Finality
of Rejection as Premature Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181
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Dear Examiner Pham:

Enclosed are a Petition to Withdraw Finality of Rejection as Premature Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 and an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 31, 2003, which we request that you enter and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance..

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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